AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for quality evaluation of electronically stored, knowledge data the method comprising:

storing knowledge data in a database of a memory; and

correlating quality data with the knowledge data stored in the database, where the correlating includes,

a user at least one of storing the quality data in the database at least one of during and after access to the knowledge data,[[and]]

storing result data from [[the]]an application of the knowledge data in a result database and correlating quality data with the result data,

the application of the knowledge data being automatically generated and stored in the database, and~~, upon the user accessing the knowledge data,~~

the quality data automatically being provided to the user, upon the user accessing the knowledge data, wherein

the quality data indicates a content quality of the knowledge data stored in the database.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the user applies the knowledge data, and

quality data correlated with the results of the application are stored in the database.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

quality criteria correlated with the knowledge data are stored in the database.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

an identification of the user is assigned to the quality data and stored in the database.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the user determines quality data with a time delay after application of the knowledge data, and

the user is automatically requested to store the quality data in the database.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the result database is at least one of an electronic patient database and an electronic hospital information system, and

patient outcome data are stored as result data in the result database.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

quality data are determined from the result database according to quality criteria, and

the quality data are stored in the database.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

quality data are determined from the result database according to the quality criteria with a time delay, and

an access path to the result database is assigned to the quality criterion.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein

a result database denoted by the access path is automatically checked for the presence of the result data assigned to the quality criteria, and

when the result data are present, quality data are generated from them according to the quality criteria and stored in the database.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

a quality measure is determined as quality data, and a determination instruction for the quality measure is stored in the database.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein

the determination instruction is at least one of a formula and an expert rule.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

different users use the same knowledge data and quality data assigned to the users are determined therefrom, and

a ranking of the success rate of the users is calculated from the quality data.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

comparable knowledge data are used and quality data assigned to the knowledge data are determined therefrom, and

a ranking of the quality of the knowledge data is calculated from the quality data.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

knowledge data are released for use by the user only after the user has assigned their identification to the knowledge data or an access path for result data from the use of the knowledge data.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

knowledge data are released for use by the user only after the user has paid a fee, and

the user receives a reimbursement of the fee after storing the quality data.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the use of the knowledge data is chargeable to the user, and

the quality data, but not the assigned knowledge data, is freely viewable by the user.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the date of the creation of the quality data is stored in the database together with the quality data.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

at least one of medical treatment recommendations and advice is stored as knowledge data.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein medical guidelines are stored as knowledge data.

20. - 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein quality criteria correlated with the knowledge data are stored in the database.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein quality data are determined from the result database according to quality criteria, and
the quality data are stored in the database.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein quality data are determined from the result database according to the quality criteria with a time delay, and
an access path to the result database is assigned to the quality criterion.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein quality data are determined from the result database according to the quality criteria with a time delay, and
an access path to the result database is assigned to the quality criterion.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein

quality data are determined from the result database according to the quality criteria with a time delay, and

an access path to the result database is assigned to the quality criterion.

27. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein

a result database denoted by the access path is automatically checked for the presence of the result data assigned to the quality criteria, and

when the result data are present, quality data are generated from them according to the quality criteria and stored in the database.

28. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge data is medical knowledge data.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for quality evaluation of electronically stored knowledge data the method comprising:

storing knowledge data in a database of a memory;

correlating quality data with the knowledge data stored in the database; and

automatically providing, upon the user accessing the knowledge data, the quality data to the user, wherein

the quality data indicates a content quality of the knowledge data stored in the database.

30. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the knowledge data is medical knowledge data.